

# Financial Assistance Opportunities



Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Outreach and Assistance Center



# Introduction

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**The Missouri Department of Natural Resources offers numerous opportunities for financial assistance including tax credits and exemptions, loans and grants. These opportunities are available for private individuals, communities, organizations and companies. Assistance can range from help in rehabilitating a historic building or building an erosion-control structure, to building sewer and water systems and cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks.**

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# Air Quality

- *Air Pollution Control Sales Tax Exemption*

Businesses may claim sales tax exemptions for equipment or devices designed and used solely for preventing, abating or monitoring air pollution. These may include machinery that analyzes emissions, controls air pollution from refrigerants or helps reduce air pollution in other ways.

**Contact: Air Pollution Control Program (573) 751-4817**

- *Charcoal Producers Income Tax Credit*

Companies engaging in the business of producing charcoal or charcoal products in the state of Missouri may claim an income tax credit for the purpose of implementing safe and efficient environmental controls. The income tax credit is equal to 50 percent of the purchase price or manufacturing cost of the best available control technology equipment for the purpose of reducing air emissions from charcoal-producing facilities. This income tax credit expires in 2006.

**Contact: Air Pollution Control Program (573) 751-4817**

# Water Quality

- *Direct Loans - Drinking Water*

This program makes low-interest loans to municipalities and water districts. Generally, the department will direct



applicants without the financial capacity to participate in leveraged loans to this program. The maximum loan term is 20 years. The interest subsidy is the same as the drinking water state revolving fund leveraged loan program.

**Contact: Public Drinking Water Program (573) 751-5331**

- *Drinking Water Operator Training Assistance*

Program provides payment of all or part of training course fees for operators of drinking water systems serving communities with populations of 3,300 or less. Procedures for distribution of these funds are under development. It is anticipated that this activity will begin by July 2003.

**Contact: Environmental Assistance Office (573) 526-6627**

- *Hardship Grant and Loan Program*

Provides funding for wastewater systems to communities which meet the criteria established in 10 CSR 20-4.043 Hardship Grant Rule. Grant and amounts vary according to need. Application deadline is November 15.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- *Nonpoint Source (NPS) Animal Waste Treatment Facility Loan Program*

Low-interest state revolving fund loans are available from DNR through the Missouri Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority (MASDBA) to small producers and farmers for design and construction of animal waste treatment facilities and application of best management practices. Applications are obtained from the MASDBA for 100 percent of eligible costs. Loan interest rates are at 5.3 to 5.8 percent.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**



- ***Nonpoint Source (NPS) Minigrants***

General guidelines are the same as NPS Project Grants; however, project length may not exceed 18 months. The maximum available grant is \$5,000 with a match requirement of 60 percent federal/40 percent nonfederal share of project total. There is no application deadline and awards are made quarterly.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- ***Nonpoint Source (NPS) Project Grants***

Grants are available to public institutions of higher education, units of government and nonprofit organizations with 501(c) status to provide information, education or technical assistance relating to nonpoint source water pollution, demonstrating alternative pollution prevention practices. Research or activities required under discharge permits are not eligible. Project length may be up to four years; awards are made annually and typically range from \$5,000 to \$500,000. Requests for proposals are issued in July with a November deadline.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- ***Private Water Company Bond Financing Program***

Bond financing is available through the Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA) for private water companies to assist in the construction of water delivery systems and wastewater treatment facilities. The amounts are based on the ability to repay debt and subject to allocation of private activity bonds. The program has an open application period.

**Contact: Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (573) 751-4919**

- ***Rural Drinking Water Grant Program***

Grants are available to cities with populations under 10,000 for the treatment and distribution of drinking water. The maximum amount is \$1,400 per connection or 50 percent of the project cost, whichever is less. There is no application deadline.

**Contact: Public Drinking Water Program (573) 751-1599**





\$1,000,000. Application deadline is November 15.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- *State Revolving Fund (SRF) Leveraged Loan Program Drinking Water*

Subsidized loans are available to any community water system and nonprofit noncommunity water system not federally owned for construction of drinking water facilities. Amounts are based on the ability to repay debt. The application deadline is Nov. 15. Loan is administered jointly with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, the Clean Water Commission and the Safe Drinking Water Commission.

**Contact: Public Drinking Water Program (573) 751-5331**

- *Rural Sewer Grant and Loan Program*

Provides grants and loans to rural communities and sewer districts for wastewater collection facilities. At present, grants are limited to \$1,400 per connection not to exceed 50 percent of the project cost; open application period. In November 1998, additional funds were approved by the voters for rural sewer grants and loans. Grants are committed as the last piece to complete a funding package as the project progresses through planning and design. Actual grant award made after project is bid.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- *Small Borrowers Program - Drinking Water*

This program makes low-interest loans to municipalities and water districts that serve 1,000 or fewer people and wish to borrow \$100,000 or less. The maximum loan term is 20-year term. The interest subsidy is the same as the drinking water state revolving fund leveraged loan program.

**Contact: Public Drinking Water Program (573) 751-5331**

- *State 40 Percent Construction Wastewater Grant Program*

Grants to communities and public sewer districts for wastewater treatment or collection facilities. Grants are limited to



- *State Revolving Fund (SRF), Leveraged Loan Program – Wastewater*

Subsidized loans are available to any political subdivision of the state for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities. Amounts are based on ability to repay debt. The application deadline is Nov. 15. The program is administered jointly with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA) and Clean Water Commission.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- *Storm Water Grant and Loan Program*

Grants and loans are available to first class counties, communities within first class counties and any city not within a county for storm water control plans, studies and projects. Grants are not to exceed 50 percent of the project cost. Funds for this program were approved by the voters in November 1998.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

- *Water Pollution Equipment Sales Tax Exemption*

This is a tax incentive program that is available to individuals, corporations or any public entity that purchases machinery, equipment, appliances and devices used solely for the purpose of preventing, abating or monitoring water pollution. Qualifying equipment, devices, etc., would be exempt from state sales tax.

**Contact: Water Pollution Control Program (573) 751-1300**

# Solid Waste Management and Recycling

- *Market Development Financial Assistance Program*

This program was established in 1990 by the Missouri General Assembly. Financial assistance is available for the purchase of equipment for final processing or manufacturing of marketable goods with recycled materials. The maximum amount is \$50,000 with an open application process. EIERA holds a security interest in equipment for the contract term of two years.

**Contact: EIERA  
Market  
Development  
Program (573)  
526-5555**





- ***Solid Waste Management District Grants***

These district grants return tonnage fees generated in the solid waste management regions to the solid waste management districts. The districts are responsible for soliciting and evaluating grant applications. The districts also are responsible for awarding the grants and distributing the funds in a ratio of up to 40 percent for district-wide projects and at least 60 percent for projects of cities and counties within the district.

**Contact: Solid Waste Management Program (573) 751-5401**

- ***Solid Waste Management District Operating Funds***

Solid waste management districts may apply for up to \$20,000 per year to be used for the purpose of district operations. Only solid waste management districts may apply for these funds. The availability of these funds is independent of where the tipping fees were generated. These funds are available to all of the solid waste management districts.

**Contact: Solid Waste Management Program (573) 751-5401**

- ***Solid Waste Management Project Funds***

These project funds provide financial assistance through a competitive application process. The funds are designated for solid waste reduction, recycling collection and processing, composting

informational activities, market development and research and development. Any solid waste management district, county or city of the state, or any other person or entity may apply.

**Contact: Solid Waste Management Program (573) 751-5401**

- ***Waste Tire Playground Cover and Surfacing Grants***

Waste Tire Playground Cover and Surfacing Grants are available for the cost and delivery of waste tire material for playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails or other surfacing projects approved by the department. All grant recipients are required to purchase waste tire material from manufacturers whose waste tire material contains at least 40 percent Missouri generated waste tires. All projects must be located within the state of Missouri. Loose waste tire playground cover must be eight inches deep and wire-free. Playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails and other surfacing projects using rubber mats or pour-in-place materials must conform to the manufacturer's specifications and be approved by the department. All financial awards are subject to the state of Missouri's legislative appropriation process, available funds and authorization for the projects administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



Public schools, private schools, parks, non-profit day care centers, other not-for-profit organizations and governmental organizations other than state agencies are eligible to submit applications.

Due to pending changes in the Americans with Disabilities Act rules, preference will be given to applicants requesting rubber mats or pour-in-place rubber materials. Grant recipients requesting rubber mats or pour-in-place rubber material are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 while those requesting shredded material are eligible up to \$5,000.

**Contact:** Solid Waste Management Program (573) 751-5401

## Soil and Land Management

- *Conservation Cost-Share Grant Program*

These grants reimburse landowners for implementing practices that prevent or control erosion on agricultural land to maintain productivity of soil resources. The application process is ongoing. This program is funded by the Parks and Soils Sales Tax and administered through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**Contact:** Soil and Water Conservation Program (573) 751-4932

- *Loan Interest-Share Program Grants*

Loan interest-share payments are available to individuals for principal maximums of \$25,000 for loans on private agricultural land for standard erosion control practices and specified conservation tillage equipment. This program is funded by the Parks and Soils Sales Tax and administered through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**Contact:** Soil and Water Conservation Program (573) 751-4932

- *Research Grants*

Grants are available to Missouri state colleges and universities for research projects to support goals of the Soil and Water Districts Commission. Applications must be submitted three or four months after initial Request for Proposal.

**Contact:** Soil and Water Conservation Program (573) 751-4932

- *Special Area Land Treatment Program (SALT) Grants*

Cost-share grants are available to agricultural landowners. In addition, technical assistance and administrative grants to soil and water districts are available depending on the objectives of the watershed. This program is funded by the Parks and Soils Sales Tax and administered through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**Contact:** Soil and Water Conservation Program (573) 751-4932.

# Historic Preservation and Recreation

- *Historic Building Rehabilitation Tax Credits*

Federal and state investment tax credits are available for the rehabilitation of historic buildings. A 20 percent federal tax credit can be used for the rehabilitation of income-producing historic buildings. Missouri provides a 25 percent state tax credit for the rehabilitation of income-producing historic buildings. Owner-occupied historic residences also qualify for the Missouri credit. The state credits are administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the State Historic Preservation Office while the federal credits are administered by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service.

**Contact: State Historic Preservation Office (573) 751-7860**

- *Historic Preservation Fund*

Federal matching grants are available annually for the identification, evaluation, registration and protection of cultural resources. These grants, which are funded at a 60 percent grant share/40 percent local matching share, generally do not exceed \$25,000. Historic Preservation Fund grant applications become available in June of each year with applications due at the end of August.

**Contact: State Historic Preservation Office (573) 751-7860**



- *Historic Preservation Revolving Fund*

Subject to the availability of funds, the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund provides low-interest loans for the acquisition and protection of endangered historic buildings. Preservation covenants are placed on any property assisted by the fund. Loans are available primarily to non-profits and/or governmental agencies. Properties must be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Contact: State Historic Preservation Office (573) 751-7860**

- *Land and Water Conservation Fund*

State-funded grants are available to cities and counties to be used for outdoor recreation facilities and land acquisition dedicated to public outdoor recreation use. The program requires a match of funds.

**Contact: Project and Grant Management Section (573) 751-0848**

- *Recreational Trails Program*

Federally funded grants are available to trail organizations and local governments for trail construction and maintenance. The program requires a match of funds.

**Contact: Project and Grant Management Section (573) 751-0848**



# Hazardous Waste

- *Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup Assistance*

Owners and operators of properties contaminated by leaking petroleum storage tanks may be eligible for monies from the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund for cleanup costs. Certain restrictions apply, and the owner or operator must pay the first \$10,000 of eligible clean-up costs.

**Contact:** **Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund 1-800-765-2765**

- *Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Financial Incentives*

Financial incentives are available for some sites participating in the voluntary cleanup program. Incentives are offered and administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) in cooperation with DNR. The incentives can take the form of grants, loans, loan guarantees and tax credits. They are available for sites that qualify for DNR's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and DED's Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

**Contact:** **DED Finance Programs Section (573) 751-0717**  
**or visit their Web site at** [\[www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded\]](http://www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded)



# Energy Conservation And Efficiency

- ***Energy Efficiency Revolving Loans***

Eligible applicants are K-12 school districts, city and county governments and public colleges and universities interested in increasing the energy efficiency of their buildings and reducing utility costs. These loans can finance part or all of the costs associated with efficiency projects in existing or new buildings. Loans are repaid from energy cost savings. Some restrictions apply to eligible projects and repayment terms. The Leveraged Loan Program is administered jointly with the Energy Center and the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA).

**Contact: Energy Center  
(573) 751-6630**

- ***Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Grants***

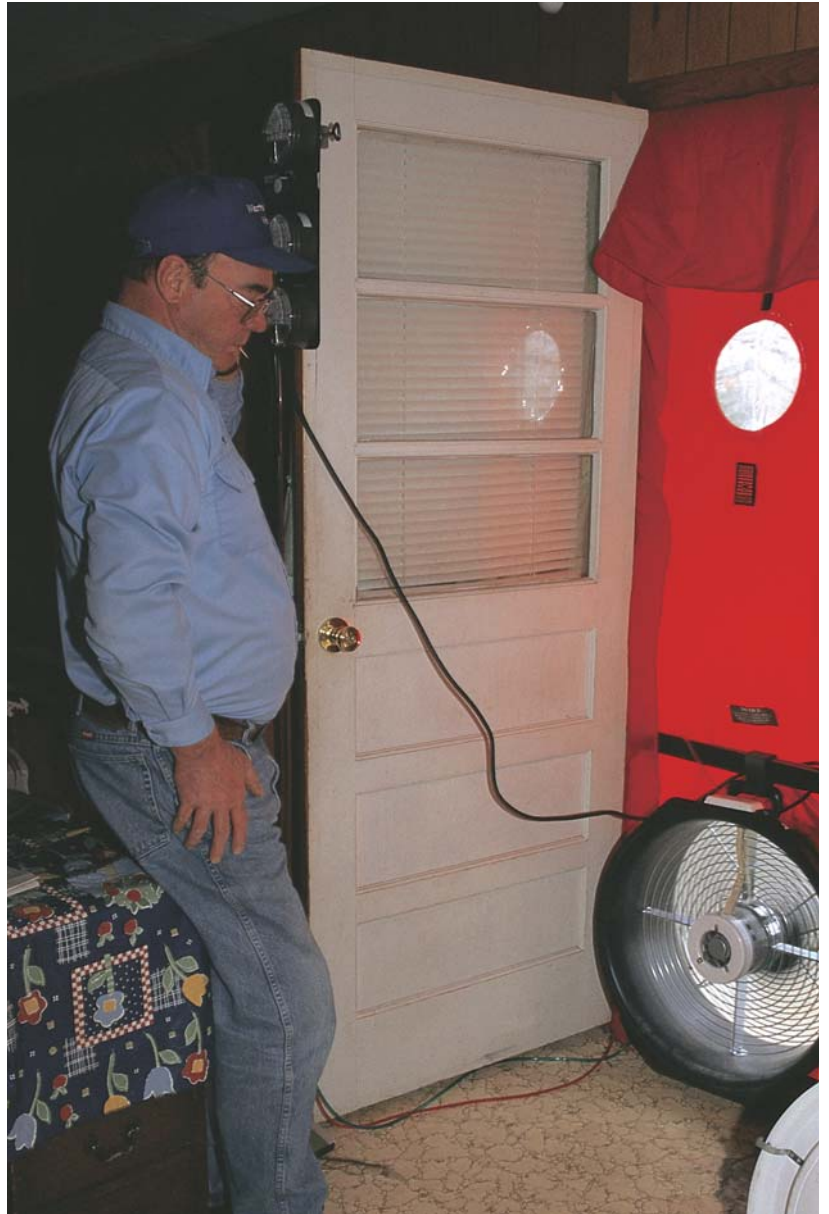
Eligible applicants are low income elderly and physically disadvantaged residents. The grants provide long-lasting improvements to people's homes such as insulation, caulking, weather-stripping or heating system improvement or replacement. The program funds implementation, technical expertise and training to help residents spend less of their income on energy costs. Applications are submitted through local community action agencies located in all Missouri counties.

**Contact: Energy Center (573) 751-2254**

- ***Special Competitive Grants***

The Energy Center periodically solicits proposals for competitive matching grants. These opportunities may pertain to one or more of the following categories. Eligible applicants vary by solicitation.

- Design, testing, demonstration of industrial processes or equipment with the potential to save energy, reduce pollution or improve process economics.
- Research, testing, demonstration and use of alternative motor fuels such as ethanol, biodiesel, fuel cells, hydrogen or electricity.



- Community-based programs to increase the adoption of energy-efficiency techniques and programs.
- Research, development and deployment of renewable energy sources, combined heat and power or on-site electricity generation. Renewable energy sources may include wind, biomass or solar.
- Research, development and deployment of energy-efficient technologies, marketing or codes for buildings.

**Contact: Energy Center (573) 751-2254**

- *Wind Anemometer Loans*

To advance the understanding of Missouri's wind energy potential, the Missouri Energy Center will work with eligible landowners to install tall tower anemometers to collect reliable, detailed data about wind speeds from 10 locations across the state each year. The Energy Center will loan the 20-meter towers with electronic wind data loggers for a period of 12 months. The wind resource data will be made available to the public. Applications will be screened to identify locations likely to have sufficient wind exposure to merit detailed wind energy assessment through the anemometer loan program.

**Contact: Energy Center (573) 751-3443**

## General Financial Assistance

- *Agriculture Loan Program*

Loans are available to individual farmers for animal waste treatment facilities. This program is administered jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture.

**Contact: Missouri Department of Agriculture (573) 751-2129**

- *Cooperative Remonumentation Program*

Contracts are arranged with county commissions to remonument corners of the U.S. Public Land Survey System. The department pays a set amount per corner. County must have a county surveyor to do the actual monumentation. Requested due date annually on or before July 15.

**Contact: State Surveyor (573) 368-2300**

- *County Boundary Resurvey Program*

Contracts are arranged with county commissions to remonument county boundary lines where the location of the line is indefinite. The department contracts for and pays the entire cost of surveying and monumentation subject to appropriations.

**Contact: State Surveyor (573) 368-2300**

- *Geodetic Control Densification Project*

Contracts are arranged with county, city government and municipal utilities to establish horizontal and vertical control monuments used for mapping and the development of a land survey information system. The department provides all work for a fixed amount per project. This amount is negotiated at approximately one-third of the estimated total one-time cost of the entire project.

**Contact: State Surveyor (573) 368-2300**

- ***Hazardous Substance Emergency Relief Loan Fund***

Loans are available to political subdivisions or volunteer fire protection associations for reimbursement of actual costs incurred in responding to a hazardous substance emergency.

**Contact:** Environmental Services Program (573) 526-3384

- ***Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Assistance***

The Underground Storage Tank Fund can assist the responsible party with the cleanup costs at eligible sites with pre-approved plans and costs. The responsible party must pay the first \$10,000 of eligible costs and the fund may cover additional costs.

**Contact:** Hazardous Waste Management Program (573) 751-3176

- ***Local Government Reimbursement Program***

Local communities can be reimbursed up to \$25,000 for costs incurred in responding to a hazardous substance emergency. Request for reimbursement must be for response costs and services provided that were not budgeted, e.g. contractor cost, disposal cost, etc. This does not include incidents involving only petroleum or petroleum-related products.

**Contact:** U.S. EPA, Local Government Reimbursement Helpline 1-800-431-9209

- ***Private Activity Bond Financing***

Issuance of tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds in cooperation with the Department of Economic Development for private and public companies for certain facilities and improvements with environmental and energy resource impacts. These projects must meet the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority's (EIERA) statutory requirements as well as all applicable federal and state tax law provisions.

**Contact:** Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (573) 751-4919







**Discover related financial assistance opportunities  
with the following agencies:**

- Missouri Department of Economic Development
  - Business Programs (573) 522-2790
  - Community Programs (573) 522-6155
- Missouri Department of Agriculture (573) 751-2129
- Missouri Department of Conservation (573) 751-4115



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